Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, In 1952, Congress, with the National Day of Prayer Committee, instituted the annual observance of National Prayer Day in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, Interest in such a project was no doubt inspired by a proclamation written in 1863 by Abraham Lincoln, which declared April 30th a national day of humiliation, fasting and prayer; and,

WHEREAS, For over thirty years now, concerned citizens and civic leaders have organized a day in spring when Americans are asked to bow their heads in humility and thanksgiving; and,

WHEREAS, This year, all over the country, on May 7th, houses of worship and public buildings are encouraged to ring bells and chimes wherever possible; and,

WHEREAS, National Prayer Day officials hope that this ringing of bells and chimes will have a revitalizing and spiritually awakening impact on our people and our nation:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 7, 1987, as

DAY OF PRAYER

in South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventeenth Day of March, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Seven

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE